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- **Average weekly payroll earnings in B.C. rose 0.9% in April**
- **National GDP edged up 0.1% in April**

Income

- **The median after-tax income for all family units in British Columbia was $48,900 (*2011 constant dollars, includes government transfers)* in 2011, marking the third consecutive year of decline.** Families of two persons or more had median incomes $700 higher than in 2010, at $69,700, while elderly families saw no change in income ($51,100), and income in non-elderly families dipped $100, to $75,200. The median after-tax income for two-parent families with children ($86,200) increased $4,000, while lone-parent family incomes declined $10,100, to $31,400, particularly those led by females (-$13,400), which fell to $28,100. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **There were 476,000 British Columbians whose annual income fell below the low-come cut-off (*after tax, 1992 base, based on size of family unit & community*) in 2011.** The group accounted for 10.7% of the overall population, down from 11.5% in 2010. The number of low income males rose to 236,000 (+0.9%), while the number of low income females dropped to 241,000 (-12.7%), the lowest level recorded since 2007 (224,000).

  The incidence of low income was similar for males and females, both at 10.7% with incomes falling below the cut-off. Unattached individuals (30.6%) were significantly more likely to be low income than those in economic families (6.7%). The incidence was higher among unattached males (32.8%) than females (28.2%). There were 92,000 individuals under the age of 18 in low income economic families, an increase of 8.2% from 2010 (85,000), but considerably less than the peak (160,000) in 2003. There were 37,000 unattached elderly people below the low-come cut-off, an increase of 12.1% over 2010. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Average weekly payroll earnings in British Columbia increased 0.9% (*seasonally adjusted)* in April, following a 1.1% drop in March.** Average earnings in goods-producing industries rose to $1,113.37 (+0.9%), despite lower earnings in forestry, logging & support (-5.2%) and utilities (-4.1%), as wages in mining, quarrying and oil & gas extraction rose to $1,626.05 (+0.9%). On the services side, average weekly earnings increased to $827.52 (+0.6%), driven by higher wages in information & cultural industries (+5.4%), health care & social assistance (+5.5%), and finance & insurance (+3.2%). *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

National Household Survey

- **According to the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS), 95.5% of British Columbians (*those aged 15 and over, living in private households, and who have worked since 2010*) reported English as the language they used most often at work.** Three percent reported a language other than English (95.5%) or French (0.2%). Of those who spoke primarily English at work, 3.6% used other non-official languages at work on a regular basis, and 1% reported speaking French on a regular basis.

  Non-immigrants accounted for 72.6% of those who reported English as the language they spoke most often at work, while 26.0% were immigrants and 1.3% were non-

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permanent residents. Of the immigrant population, 10% spoke a non-official language most often at work. Immigrants accounted for 92% of those who did not speak English or French regularly at work. Forty-six percent of the immigrant population who did not speak one of Canada's official languages at work arrived in the country within 10 years prior to the NHS, while 7.1% landed before 1981. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **The 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) reported that 1,589,635 or 64.8% of British Columbians adults (aged 25 to 64) had post-secondary qualifications in 2011.** In comparison, the 2006 Census reported 61.8% of British Columbian adults had a post-secondary credential. The proportion of the British Columbia adults with a high school diploma as the highest level of educational attainment was 25.1% in the 2011, whereas this proportion was 25.9% in 2006.

  Data Source: Statistics Canada

- **Of the 16,595,035 Canadians employed in the labour force (*aged 15 years and older and living in private households*), 2,171,470 (13.1%) lived in British Columbia in 2011, according to the 2011 NHS.** Most (77.4%) worked outside the home at a fixed workplace location. Among the 8% of those who worked at home, 14% had no fixed work address. Although males and females constitute fairly equal shares of the labour force, nearly three times as many males (225,845) had no fixed workplace address, compared to 78,620 of females. The food services & drinking places industry ranked highly (93.3%) with respect to location stability (*not working at different locations, at home, or abroad*), whereas 22.1% of those who worked in professional, scientific & technical services worked from home. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

The Nation

- **The Canadian economy grew 0.1% (*seasonally adjusted*) in April, marking the fourth consecutive month of expansion in the nation's GDP.** Services-producing industries, which rose 0.3%, were responsible for most of the increase. The three largest industries—real estate and rental & leasing (+0.6%), health care & social assistance (+0.1%), and finance & insurance (+0.6%)—all recorded growth. The sharpest increase was in arts, entertainment & recreation (+3.4%), following a 0.3% dip in the previous month. Retail trade (+0.5%) continued to rise, while GDP produced by wholesale trade (+0.6%) grew following two months of contraction. Management of companies & enterprises dipped slightly (-0.1), and public administration (-0.1%) fell for the third straight month.

  The goods-producing sector did not fare as well, contracting 0.3%, as GDP produced by the mining, quarrying, and oil & gas extraction (-1.5%) and construction (-0.4%) industries flagged. Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting (+0.5%), utilities (+0.5%), and manufacturing (+0.2%) all recorded steady growth. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- **Tourism spending in Canada was $18.9 billion (*2007 prices*) in the first quarter of 2013, up 0.1% (*seasonally adjusted*) from the fourth quarter of 2012.** Non-residential tourism spending (+1.3%) drove the increase, as domestic demand contracted (-0.2%) for the first time since Q2 of 2011 (-0.2%). Transportation, the largest component of tourism-related demand, fell to $7.4 billion (-1.2%), entirely due to weak domestic demand (-1.7%), as non-resident spending climbed 1.2%. Spending on accommodation (+0.9%) was up, with non-resident (+1.6%) and domestic (+0.6%) demand both on the rise. Food & beverage services saw steady growth (+0.4%), with most of the gains arising from non-resident demand (+1.5%), as domestic spending edged up 0.1%. Other tourism commodities (+1.2%) and other commodities (+1.2%) also recorded higher levels of spending. *Data Source: Statistics Canada*

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BC at a glance . . .

POPULATION (thousands)	Apr 1/2013	% change on one year ago
BC	4,650.0	0.9
Canada	35,141.5	1.1
GDP and INCOME (Released Nov 19)		
(BC - at market prices)	2011	% change on one year ago
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) *($ millions)*	217,749	4.5
GDP *($ 2007 millions)*	206,180	2.8
GDP *($ 2007 per Capita)*	45,083	1.8
Household Sector Disposable Income *($ 2007 per Capita)*	26,788	0.9
TRADE ($ millions, seasonally adjusted)		% change on prev. month
Manufacturing Shipments - Mar 2013	3,360	1.2
Merchandise Exports - Mar 2013	3,001	12.9
Retail Sales - Mar 2013	5,156	0.9
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	% change on	12-month avg
(all items - Apr 2013)	one year ago	% change
BC	-0.8	0.6
Vancouver	-0.8	0.8
Victoria	-1.3	0.4
Canada	0.4	1.0
LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		% change on
(seasonally adjusted)	Apr 2013	prev. month
Jobs Created (-Lost) - BC	9.5	
Labour Force - BC	2,471.0	-0.2
Employed - BC	2,312.1	0.4
Unemployed - BC	158.8	-8.3
		Mar 2013
Unemployment Rate - BC *(percent)*	6.4	7.0
Unemployment Rate - Canada *(percent)*	7.2	7.2
INTEREST RATES (percent)	Jun 26/2013	Jun 27/2012
Prime Business Rate	3.00	3.00
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	3.14	3.20
- 5 year	5.14	5.24
US-CANADA EXCHANGE RATE	Jun 26/2013	Jun 27/2012
(avg. noon spot rate) Cdn $ per US $	1.0469	1.0267
(closing rate) US $ per Cdn $	0.9516	0.9751
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE		% change on
(industrial aggregate - dollars)	Apr 2013	one year ago
BC	877.05	3.9
Canada	885.20	3.0

SOURCES:

Population, Gross Domestic Product, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Wage Rate } Statistics Canada

Interest Rates, Exchange Rates: Bank of Canada Weekly Financial Statistics

For latest Weekly Financial Statistics see www.bankofcanada.ca

2011 Census Profiles

We have added files for Health geographies, School Districts, College Regions and Ministry of Children and Family Development Regions. The file layout matches the other 2011 Profiles, simplifying comparisons to many areas . See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Census/OpenData.aspx

Provincial Electoral District Profiles 2011

Posted to our Open Data page is a 2011 Census Profile for the Provincial Electoral Districts. The file layout matches the other 2011 Profiles, simplifying comparisons to many areas . See more:
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Population Estimates by Age and Sex 2012

Updated population estimates by age and sex for B.C. sub-provincial regions are now available. . . See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx

B.C. Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector

The 2012 edition of the profile of British Columbia's fisheries and aquaculture sector is now available. See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/AboutUs/News/13-01-29/British_Columbia_s_Fisheries_and_Aquaculture_Sector.aspx

Municipal Population Estimates 2012

Population estimates for B.C. municipalities and regional districts as of July 1, 2012 are now available. See more:
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx

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